

Annex 23 - Debris Management

Primary Agency: Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

Support Agencies: Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC)
Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL)
Illinois National Guard (ILNG)
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

Federal Agencies: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

I. Introduction

A. Purpose

1. The purpose of this Annex is to describe the overall concept for managing and conducting disaster related debris clearance, removal and disposal in the state of Illinois.
2. This Annex will identify the primary and supporting state agencies and their responsibilities relating to disaster related debris clearance, removal and disposal.

B. Scope

3. Provisions set forth in this Annex specify the means for the management of disaster related debris clearance, removal and disposal.

II. Assumptions

- A. There will be disasters or emergencies in Illinois that will surpass capabilities and resources of local agencies to recover.
- B. State assistance may be required to supplement local resources to ensure an efficient recovery effort.
- C. Debris clearance may be an immediate concern following a disaster to allow access to disaster survivors and impacted areas.

III. Concept of Operations

A. General

1. The local government will initially handle debris clearance based on immediate need. Access to disaster areas and victims is the highest priority following a disaster.
2. Requests for assistance will be made to the state if the local government determines that they do not have the resources needed to effectively handle debris clearance.

3. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) will be staffed with liaison officers (LNO) from various state agencies. These LNOs will assist in fulfilling requests for state debris clearance and removal assets.

B. Notifications

1. Local governments will notify SEOC when assistance is required for debris clearance and removal.
2. The SEOC will notify the appropriate state agency for acquisition and deployment of personnel and equipment for debris clearance and removal.

C. Operational Structure

1. Deployment and use of state personnel and resources for the purpose of disaster recovery, such as debris removal, will be done through the Incident Command Structure (ICS) as required by the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

D. Federal Coordination

1. The SEOC will coordinate debris management with federal agencies involved in recovery efforts.

IV. Responsibilities

A. Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

1. Coordinate recovery operations for the state of Illinois.
2. Activate the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).
3. Process requests for personnel and equipment relating to response and recovery operations.

B. Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC)

1. Coordinate the provision and supervision of offender labor, when available, for debris removal operations.
2. Coordinate the provision of vehicles with operators for hauling materials and equipment.
3. Coordinate the provision of officers to perform (limited duty) security for affected areas.

C. Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL)

1. Ensure emergency work compliance with Illinois labor rates and standards.

D. Illinois National Guard (ILNG)

1. Coordinate the provision of personnel and equipment for disaster related debris removal, in accordance with Annex 27, Military Coordination

E. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

1. Coordinate the provision of information on and assistance with disaster debris removal associated with natural resources in Illinois (i.e. state parks, lakes, etc.).
2. Coordinate the provision of trucks, bulldozers, excavators, scrapers, and tractors that used for debris removal or infrastructure repairs.
3. Coordinate the provision of chainsaws, generators, pumps and other equipment that used for conducting debris removal.
4. Coordinate the provision of police/security for recovery personnel at state natural resource sites following a disaster.

F. Illinois Department of Transportation-Highways (IDOT)

1. Coordinate the provision of trucks, equipment, and personnel for disaster related debris removal.
2. Maintain a list of trucking firms contracted to haul materials, equipment, and debris.

G. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

1. Oversee the removal of hazardous material debris resulting from a disaster.
2. Maintain contracts with commercial hazardous materials cleanup contractors for emergency response work.

H. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

1. Public Assistance funds are available to eligible applicants for debris clearance, removal and disposal operations. Eligible applicants include State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations. In order to be eligible, the debris removal work must:
 - a) Direct result of a Presidential declared disaster;
 - b) Occur within the designated disaster area; and
 - c) Be the responsibility of the applicant at the time of the disaster.

V. Authorities

- A. The Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P. L. 93-288, as amended)
- B. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/)
- C. All IDOT authorities for emergency response and recovery related activities derived from the IEMA Act.
- D. National Environmental Policy Act, as amended

VI. References

- A. The Illinois Emergency Operations Plan (IEOP), as amended
- B. IDOT Emergency Operations Manual, as amended